

WACHTER CHANGES MIND ABOUT POSTAL INQUIRY

Marylander Tired of Working for a Reputation.

OTHERS MUST TAKE ACTION

Representative Complains of Treatment Accorded Him for Past Efforts.

(Special to The Washington Times.)
BALTIMORE, Sept. 17.—Representative Frank C. Wachter, of the Third Maryland district, has changed his mind about the question of introducing a resolution at the coming session of Congress to investigate each department of the Government. When it was exclusively announced in The Washington Times that Mr. Wachter intended to introduce such a resolution the matter attracted widespread attention and received favorable comment in papers in all sections of the country.

Mr. Wachter said today:
"I said and repeat that if a resolution to investigate all the departments is introduced I will vote for it and give it my support. But I have about decided not to introduce such a resolution myself."

Hard Work Involved.

"There is a great deal more work and effort involved in introducing a sweeping resolution of the kind than the public imagines, and it is for that reason more than anything else that I will let some other fellow do the introducing. Yes, I know that it is more to father the resolution than to bring it before the public in a prominent manner, but I am tired of working for a reputation."

"Three terms in Congress have taught me that records do not go with the public, and the fact that a man is famous or well known does not in many cases get him the support of even those for whom he has accomplished the most. I secured the passage of the bill to dredge Spring Gardens in Baltimore, but how much appreciation was shown by the people of the city?"

Would Not Use Strength.

"To spend my time and energies working on and for a resolution that might result in a betterment of the conditions in the Government service would bring me no credit or support from people who oppose me, and would not strengthen my position, and I have too many other irons in the fire to expend my energies in that way."

"If, however, some one else wants to do the work I will support the resolution, for I believe that every department should be as clean as possible and there is room for improvement."

The announcement that Mr. Wachter had intended to introduce his resolution was of great interest to politicians of both the Democratic and Republican parties, and there has been much speculation upon the prospects of a sweeping resolution for a general investigation of the Government service.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS BEGINNING TO INCREASE

Government receipts are making a better showing than they did the first ten days of September, and are rapidly catching up with last year's figures. Up to yesterday the customs receipts this month were \$2,506,550.41, an advance of \$14,220,556.77 last year. Internal revenue receipts this far in the month have been \$10,688,508.34, as against \$10,545,133.05 last year.

The internal revenue receipts yesterday were over a half million heavier than they were the same day last year. Receipts this fiscal year have been \$122,000,000, as against \$124,000,000 last year. Expenditures this year continue to be lighter, and the excess of receipts over expenditures continues to grow, being near the two-million point already.

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MAIL CLERKS RE-ELECT TWO CHIEF OFFICERS

McCoy Chosen President and Corning Secretary.

BENEFIT ASSOCIATION WORK

Additional Authority Granted Claims Committee of National Postal Clerks' Association.

John R. McCoy, of Trenton, N. J., was unanimously re-elected president of the United States Mail Service Mutual Benefit Association this morning, and W. S. Corning, of Chicago, was also unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. McCoy now enters upon his second term of office, and Mr. Corning upon his fourth.

H. N. Hughes was reappointed chairman of the committee of reports on necrology.

Most of the morning session was given up to discussion of amendments to the constitution. Delegates Dempsey strongly urged the majority to take action whereby the majority of the board of directors of the association need not be citizens of Illinois.

Conform to Illinois Statute.

The association was incorporated under the laws of that State, which, it is said, demands that a majority of the board of directors of such a corporation be from Illinois. It appears, however, that the attorney general and the superintendent of insurance of the State have given different opinions in regard to this matter as relating to the benefit society.

The convention finally decided to have a full report on the subject made at the next convention and to continue to have a majority of the directors from Illinois, thereby removing all risk of losing the association's charter.

Postal Clerks' Session.

The delegates to the convention of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks this morning listened to the report of the auditor and that of the committee on claims. The convention then took up the discussion of proposed constitutional amendments. The greater part of these centered about the authority of the committee on claims, especially with reference to granting of benefits.

The convention strengthens the authority of the committee to a large extent. Such action was necessary, it is said, because of the large number of claims presented, which did not rightly come under the spirit of the laws.

Women's Auxiliary.

The Women's Auxiliary met this morning at the Riggs House and listened to addresses by William Fry, of Troy, one of the oldest clerks in the Railway Mail Service; Mrs. A. E. Winnett, of Chicago; Mrs. C. H. Verity, of Cleveland; and Mrs. D. C. Hudson, of Omaha.

The rest of the morning session was given up to the report of the convention on constitutional amendments.

VINCENT BOREING DIES AT HIS KENTUCKY HOME

Only Republican Among State's Representatives—Elected Thrice.

A dispatch from London, Ky., announces the death of Representative Vincent Boreing at his home there yesterday. He had been ill with pneumonia. He was the only Republican in the Kentucky delegation.

Mr. Boreing was born in Tennessee in 1829. He attended Tusculum College, Greenville, and graduated shortly before the war. When hostilities were declared, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-fourth Kentucky Infantry, in the Union army, and was soon promoted to lieutenant.

In 1875 he established the "Mountain Echo" and became publisher of it. The paper was the first Republican organ in eastern Kentucky, and is now the oldest journal in the State.

At the time of his death he was president of the First National Bank of London, Ky., and the Cumberland Valley Land Company. He was first elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress and was re-elected to the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth.

FUND TO BE CREATED FOR ESCHEATED MONEYS

The Comptroller of the Treasury has approved the method recently proposed by Auditor John R. Garrison, of the District of Columbia, to dispose of funds escheated to the District, for the reason that the decedent has no heirs. The plan is to establish a special fund, to be designated the "escheated estates relief fund, D. C.," subject to the regulation of the Commissioners for disbursements in accordance with the provisions of the code.

CONTEST OVER WILL OF HATTIE L. BURNISH

Aldo Isham, Reese Isham Round, Cora B. Moore, and Louis E. Isham, brothers and sisters of the late Hattie L. Burnish, yesterday filed a caveat to the will of the latter. They contend that at the time Mrs. Burnish made her will she was of unsound mind, and it was executed under stress of undue influence. She left her estate to her husband, John Henry Burnish. Birney & Woodard are counsel for the caveators.

ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE TO DISTRICT FOR FEES

Comptroller Gives Opinion Regarding Justices.

ACCOUNTABLE TO DEPOSITOR

Declines to Answer Questions Put by the District Auditor.

The District Commissioners received an opinion from the Comptroller of the Treasury this morning regarding the accounts of the local justices of the peace. The Comptroller holds justices are not required to account to the District for any sums they may receive in excess of legitimate fees, and are obliged to account for deposits only to the depositors.

The Comptroller declined to discuss two important points raised by the Commissioners, through Auditor Garrison, on the ground that his jurisdiction does not cover the questions involved.

Without Jurisdiction.

"Your questions," says the Comptroller, "except in so far as they relate to refundments to be made from the appropriation for 'refunding taxes,' do not relate to payments to be made by or under you, and I am without jurisdiction to render a decision on any question not involving a payment to be made by or under you. Your questions will therefore be considered only in so far as they relate to the use of the appropriation for 'refunding taxes.'"

The Comptroller then cites section 6 of the District Code, and states that it has no reference to money not received for fees earned and due, and while it is customary to advance the money for fees, Mr. Tracwell maintains that the money so advanced cannot be said to have been received by the justices for fees until such fees have been earned.

Held in Trust.

"He simply holds it," continues the opinion, "in trust for the use of the party making the advance, and he is not required or authorized to account to the District for any sum in excess of the amount of fees earned, but must account for and return any deposit in excess of the fees earned to the depositor."

"The justice of the peace does not represent the District in the receipt of the money so advanced, and the District therefore incurs no liability on account of said advances, and cannot therefore be called upon to refund any such sums as may be advanced to said justices for fees, but the depositors must look to the said justices and their bondsmen for the return of all moneys advanced to said justices in excess of fees earned by them."

"The appropriation for 'refunding taxes' is therefore not available for the repayment of moneys deposited on account of fees."

LIEUTENANT MURTAUGH'S CASE.

Judge Advocate General Davis is considering the case of Lieut. Thomas E. Murtaugh, Nineteenth Company, Coast Artillery, who is charged with desertion, conduct unbecoming an officer, embezzlement, and improper use of leave of absence. Lieutenant Murtaugh was tried by court-martial and is said to have been convicted.

DISTINGUISHED SOLDIERS TO SPEAK AT BANQUET

Sherman Statue Unveiling Ceremonies to Be Elaborate.

Army societies which are to take part in the unveiling of the Sherman statue October 25, have to have Lieutenant Schofield, U. S. A., retired, to preside at the banquet, which is to be given at the Arlington Hotel the evening after the unveiling.

Father Sherman is to speak for the Army of the Tennessee at the banquet, and Gen. John R. Brooke is to speak for the Army of the Potomac. The Army of the Cumberland is to be represented by Col. John L. McCook, of the "Fighting Cooks," and Gen. J. T. Henderson, of Illinois, is to speak for the Army of the Ohio.

BOY ORATOR ROWEN TALKS ON ENGINEERING

L. F. Rowen, Rhode Island's boy orator, made his initial bow before a Washington audience last evening. The rooms of the National Association of Stationary Engineers were well filled to hear his lecture on "Engineering as a Profession."

Master Rowen handled his subject carefully, while through the whole ran occasional ripples of humor, which made his lecture most interesting. He was congratulated by the members of the association, who unanimously gave him a vote of thanks.

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Nothing was known at the department this morning about the reported resignation of Postmaster Montague, of San Francisco, who was head of the company with which Erwin is alleged to have had improper dealings. There were telegraphic dispatches this morning to the newspapers that Mr. Montague had sent his resignation to Washington, but it has not arrived.

PITTSBURG EXTENDS STRAW HAT SEASON

PITTSBURG, Sept. 17.—It was decided Tuesday by the floor committee of the Pittsburgh stock exchange to allow the members of that organization to wear their straw hats until September 25, on account of the excessive heat.

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